

ADM 2010-22 ("Anti-Trolling Proposal")
February 9, 2012

Dear Ms. Davis,

I wish to express my support for the proposed amendment of Rule 7.3 of the MRPC (ADM 2010-22). The practice of culling the public records for domestic case leads is quite troubling and is, frankly, beneath the dignity of our profession. I would like to believe that most attorneys who engage in such a practice have never given consideration to the safety concerns which may exist, or at minimum, the simple desire for the initiating party to choose the moment to address the sensitive and personal matter at hand.

In my estimation, adopting the proposed amendment would give such attorneys an opportunity to pause and consider the impact upon both parties – the plaintiff, who may have safety concerns, and the defendant, who may be served a shock in an insensitive manner not intended by the plaintiff. Attorneys engaging in such practices in order to increase their own business elevate their own interests above those of any prospective client. Requiring attorneys to wait for the elapse of the 14 day waiting period is a more than reasonable accommodation.

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